

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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TWO LANING OF HIGHWAYS  
Meghe Shri Datta Raghobaji

**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to provide assistance to convert one lane highways into two lane highways in the country;
- (b) if so, the total number of one lane highways in the country;
- (c) the details of one lane highways in Maharashtra proposed to be converted into two lane highways; and
- (d) the time by which the work of two laning of such highways is likely to be completed?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS(SHRI R.P.N.SINGH)

(a) to (d) At present, about 17,977 km length of National Highways (NHs) are below 2-lane NH standards in the country. Out of this, leaving apart the lengths of NHs included for upgradation under various approved programmes, such as various phases of the National Highways Development Project (NHDP), Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for the North-East Region (SARDP-NE), Special Programme for Development of Roads in the Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas, etc., about 6,700 km length of NHs are below 2-lane NH standards. The Ministry has taken initiatives to develop about 6000 km length of National Highways (NH) having less than 2-lane standards to minimum acceptable standards with 2-lanes by December, 2014 by exploring the possibility of securing World Bank Loan of about US \$ 2.96 Billion and also through budgetary allocations. Initiatives have also been taken to develop the balance stretches of about 700 km length of NHs having less than 2-lane NH standards to 2-lane NH standards under Annual Plan of works following Corridor Development Approach as per availability of funds, traffic density and inter-se priority of works. As regards the State of Maharashtra, about 44 km length of NHs is below 2-lane NH standards.